

joint resolutions on Friday, November 3, 2000:

S. 11, for the relief of Wei Jingsheng.

S. 150, for the relief of Marina Khalina and her son, Albert Miftakhov.

S. 276, for the relief of Sergio Lozano.

S. 768, to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish Federal jurisdiction over offenses committed outside the United States by persons employed by or accompanying the Armed Forces, or by members of the Armed Forces who are released or separated from active duty prior to being identified and prosecuted for the commission of such offenses, and for other purposes.

S. 785, for the relief of Frances Schochenmaier and Mary Hudson.

S. 869, for the relief of Mina Vahedi Notash.

S. 1078, for the relief of Mrs. Elizabeth Eka Bassey, Emmanuel O. Paul Bassey, and Mary Idongesit Paul Bassey.

S. 1513, for the relief of Jacqueline Salinas and her children Gabriela Salinas, Alejandro Salinas, and Omar Salinas.

S. 1670, to revise the boundary of Fort Matanzas National Monument, and for other purposes.

S. 1880, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of minority individuals.

S. 1936, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other National Forest System land in the State of Oregon and use the proceeds derived from the sale or exchange for National Forest System purposes.

S. 2000, for the relief of Guy Taylor.

S. 2002, for the relief of Tony Lara.

S. 2019, for the relief of Malia Miller.

S. 2020, to adjust the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, Mississippi, and for other purposes.

S. 2289, for the relief of Jose Guadalupe Tellez Pinales.

S. 2440, to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve airport security.

S. 2485, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance in planning and constructing a regional heritage center in Calais, Maine.

S. 2547, to provide for the establishment of the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve and the Baca National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

S. 2712, to amend Chapter 35 of title 31, United States Code, to authorize the consolidation of certain financial and performance management reports required of Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 2773, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to enhance dairy markets through dairy product mandatory reporting, and for other purposes.

S. 2789, to amend the Congressional Award Act to establish a Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Board.

S. 2915, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, and for other purposes.

S. 3164, to protect seniors from fraud.

S. 3194, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 431 North George Street in Millersville, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert S. Walker Post Office."

S. 3239, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide special immigrant status for certain United States International Broadcasting employees.

H.J. Res. 84, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 124, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT CASEWORK MANAGER OF HON. RON PAUL, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Dianna Gilbert, district casework manager of the Honorable RON PAUL, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 3, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony issued by the District Court of Brazoria County, Texas.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is inconsistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

DIANNA GILBERT,
District Casework Manager
for Congressman Ron Paul.

COMMUNICATION FROM FINANCIAL COUNSELING DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF FINANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Jacqueline Aamot, financial counseling director, Office of Finance:

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 7, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for production of documents issued by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

JACQUELINE AAMOT,
Financial Counseling Director,
Office of Finance.

AN AGENDA FOR AMERICA

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, for the first time in decades, the American voters have reelected a Republican House majority here in four consecutive elections. While the nay-sayers and political pundits have spent 2 years writing off our majority, we have spent 2 years forging a legislative agenda for America's families, an agenda that America has endorsed.

The political season, Mr. Speaker, is now over; and the time has come to look ahead. We will continue to work across party lines in a bipartisan fashion to ensure that seniors are secure in their retirement and that every child has a successful education and a safe school and that working families receive long overdue tax relief and that our country's military is indeed ready for any challenge.

These are the goals that the American people have entrusted us with, and we are meeting those goals. We stand ready to look forward to working in the 107th Congress to achieve these goals and for the common good of the American people and for the future of our great Nation.

EYES OF AMERICA ON FLORIDA

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the eyes of America are on Florida, and they should be. The truth is, this is not a Washington matter; this is a matter for Florida. Let Florida count the votes, and if Mr. Bush continues to maintain his lead, and does win the popular vote in Florida, Mr. Bush should be installed as our next President.

Mr. Speaker, the electoral college system to elect Presidents has survived for over 200 years unchanged. I yield back the wisdom of our Founding Fathers.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 6 p.m. today.

CARRIAGE OF NONPROJECT WATER BY MANCOS PROJECT, COLORADO

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 2594) to authorize the

Secretary of the Interior to contract with the Mancos Water Conservancy District to use the Mancos Project facilities for impounding, storage, diverting, and carriage of nonproject water for the purpose of irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, and any other beneficial purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 2594

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CARRIAGE OF NONPROJECT WATER BY THE MANCOS PROJECT, COLORADO.

(a) SALE OF EXCESS WATER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the Act of August 11, 1939 (commonly known as the “Water Conservation and Utilization Act”) (16 U.S.C. 590y et seq.), if storage or carrying capacity has been or may be provided in excess of the requirements of the land to be irrigated under the Mancos Project, Colorado (referred to in this Act as the “project”), the Secretary of the Interior may, on such terms as the Secretary determines to be just and equitable, contract with the Mancos Water Conservancy District and any of its member unit contractors for impounding, storage, diverting, or carriage of nonproject water for irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, and any other beneficial purposes, to an extent not exceeding the excess capacity.

(2) INTERFERENCE.—A contract under paragraph (1) shall not impair or otherwise interfere with any authorized purpose of the project.

(3) COST CONSIDERATIONS.—In fixing the charges under a contract under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall take into consideration—

(A) the cost of construction and maintenance of the project, by which the nonproject water is to be diverted, impounded, stored, or carried; and

(B) the canal by which the water is to be carried.

(4) NO ADDITIONAL CHARGES.—The Mancos Water Conservancy District shall not impose a charge for the storage, carriage, or delivery of the nonproject water in excess of the charge paid to the United States, except to such extent as may be reasonably necessary to cover—

(A) a proportionate share of the project cost; and

(B) the cost of carriage and delivery of the nonproject water through the facilities of the Mancos Water Conservancy District.

(b) WATER RIGHTS OF UNITED STATES NOT ENLARGED.—Nothing in this Act enlarges or attempts to enlarge the right of the United States, under existing law, to control any water in any State.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLITTLE) and the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLITTLE).

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Mancos Water Conservancy District and its member unit contractors to transfer nonproject water for any beneficial purpose, up to the extent of any excess capacity. Legislation such as this has

passed Congress on several occasions since the Bureau of Reclamation does not have the authority to move nonproject water administratively, unless it is for irrigation purposes. The increased growth and resulting need to use water facilities more efficiently in the western United States have been the basis for Congress to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into these contracts.

Mr. Speaker, I urge an “aye” vote on this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, S. 2594 authorizes the use of Mancos Project facilities for the storage, diversion, or carriage of nonproject water.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation is not controversial, so we have no objection to its enactment.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I urge an “aye” vote on this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLITTLE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2594. The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds have voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair’s prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

CONVEYANCE TO DOLORES, COLORADO, CURRENT SITE OF JOE ROWELL PARK

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 1972) to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the town of Dolores, Colorado, the current site of the Joe Rowell Park.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 1972

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF JOE ROWELL PARK.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall convey to the town of Dolores, Colorado, for no consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the parcel of real property described in subsection (b), for open space, park, and recreational purposes.

(b) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The property referred to in subsection (a) is a parcel of approximately 25 acres of land comprising the site of the Joe Rowell Park (including all improvements on the land and equipment and other items of personal property as agreed to by

the Secretary) depicted on the map entitled “Joe Rowell Park,” dated July 12, 2000.

(2) SURVEY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The exact acreage and legal description of the property to be conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary.

(B) COST.—As a condition of any conveyance under this section, the town of Dolores shall pay the cost of the survey.

(c) POSSIBILITY OF REVERTER.—Title to any real property acquired by the town of Dolores, Colorado, under this section shall revert to the United States if the town—

(1) attempts to convey or otherwise transfer ownership of any portion of the property to any other person;

(2) attempts to encumber the title of the property; or

(3) permits the use of any portion of the property for any purpose incompatible with the purpose described in subsection (a) for which the property is conveyed.

(d) The map referenced in subsection (b)(1) shall be on file for public inspection in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service at the Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLITTLE) and the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLITTLE).

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, S. 1972 was introduced by Senator ALLARD. This legislation would convey approximately 25 acres of Forest Service land to the town of Dolores, Colorado, for use as a park. The property has been used by the town of Dolores as a park under permit from the Forest Service.

Mr. Speaker, S. 1972 guarantees the reversion of the property back to the United States if the town attempts to transfer the title or permit the property to be used for any other purpose.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support S. 1972.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, S. 1972 directs the Forest Service to convey 25 acres of land to the town of Dolores, Colorado, for use as a local park. Dolores currently operates a park on those lands under a special-use permit. In addition, the lands are surrounded by town and private lands that are not contiguous to other national forestlands.

The bill does not require the town to compensate the Forest Service for the land, but the bill does provide that the lands must be used for a park, or they revert back to the Forest Service.

Mr. Speaker, we are generally reluctant to convey lands out of public ownership without payment of fair compensation. In this case, however, the administrative transfer to the town is consistent with its current uses and may facilitate improvements to the